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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To maintain the reliability of an approval

mark to be

applied to a distributor who receives the approval of the use of a piece of

music.

SOLUTION: A music distributor who receives the approval of the use of a

piece of music from a copyright management group performs access to a management server 30 to download an approval mark. The approval mark.

embedded with approved $\underline{\text{contents}}$ decided at approval as an electronic watermark,

and the distributor carries the <u>approval mark</u> in a music distribution Web page.

A general user is able to verify the <u>approval mark</u> carried by the distributor by a general terminal 10 integrated with a verifying program, and when a Web page carrying the <u>approval mark</u> is different from the Web page decided at approval, it is judged that the <u>approval mark</u> is duplicated or altered, and it

is displayed that the approval mark is illegal.

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